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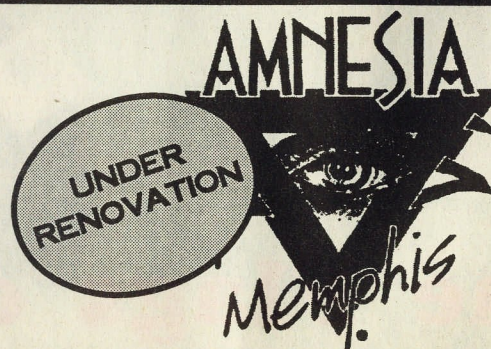
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Uniting the Gay, Lesbian
& Trans community
of the Mid-South



**The Flags of
PRIDE**

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AND YOUR POINT IS ...

Ramblings from the Editorial Staff



Well, this is the third issue of *Family & Friends* and we wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the folks who have encouraged us to continue to publish the magazine.

As you may have already noticed, the magazine's format has changed just a bit. For one, we are now somewhat larger, which allows us to get more of what you want to read in the pages of the magazine.

In addition, after some lengthy editorial meetings, we decided to change the front cover up a bit to focus a little more on the community, and to perhaps get you folks to pick up the magazine and read it.

At first we heard comments like, "It's too lesbian oriented." and "There isn't any substance to the magazine." Well, to those who feel that way, let us apologize. For starters, the top two positions in our organization are held by women (the editor and the publisher) and therefore, we suppose, the writing may have a bit of a woman's touch to them.

About there being "no substance" to the publication. It will do no one any good to argue this point. Let us just say that one of the first lessons of journalism is, "If everyone likes what

you're doing, you're doing something wrong."

But, it doesn't matter whether you agree or disagree about the content of the magazine, you're about to get your chance to tell us what you think of the magazine and you might even win a prize for doing so.

We also have heard another comment.

It recently came to our attention, while talking to one bar owner in town, that perhaps the magazine isn't getting read. He said he felt the comment wasn't slanted one way or the other (toward the guys or the gals), but that he just didn't see folks in his establishment reading any of the publications distributed in his bar.

We understand because we don't always read the local newspapers everyday, either, but usually it is because we don't have the time.

Anyway, as you flip through the pages of this edition of *Family & Friends*, you will find a questionnaire. We ask that you folks take the time to read it and fill it out. It's the only way we are going to know who is actually reading the publication and what you, our very valued readers, want to see more of, want to see less of and just plain want to see.

And for those who are

willing to fill in their address on the questionnaire (no names please), you will be entered into a drawing for dinner for two at an area restaurant. We don't want to say which one yet because we don't want to spoil the surprise.

Family & Friends is your magazine Mid-South, so let us know what you want to read and what it will take to get you to pick up the magazine and read it from cover to cover, after all, it's the only way we're going to know what **your point is ...**

Something else of interest to all you animal lovers, the Memphis Zoo gladly offers family memberships to those "alternative families" with same-sex partners and children. This might not sound like a big deal to some of you, but trust us, it is. A family membership at the zoo cuts down on the cost of admission as well as gets you invites to all their parties (and we know how much some of you like to party) and special events. *Family & Friends* wants to take this opportunity to say a heart-felt "Thank You" to the Memphis Zoo, not only for recognizing alternative families, but for having the courage to stand up and do so. For more information on how to join the zoo, check out the story in this issue.

Loving Arms receives new facility

Loving Arms has moved into their new home at 1233 Peabody, at the southeast corner of Peabody and Bellevue.

Sheila Tankersly, executive director of this agency reaching out to women and children of our city that are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, is happy to move into the much needed facility. This beautiful spacious house sits under a mighty oak, surrounded by a black wrought iron fence and is full of Midtown charm. Their new renovated facility will have eight rooms and a meditation garden to attend to their more than 200 clients.

Each room will be designed and decorated by a decorator donating their services. A Loving Arms Center Tour Book will be created with a sketch of each room and acknowledgement of donated items and services that are used in each room.

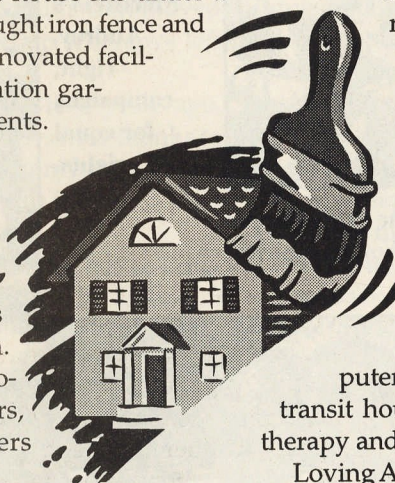
Services needed include those of decorators, upholsterers, furniture refinishers, wallpaperers & plasterers, landscapers and carpenters.

Loving Arms's "wish list" to furnish the new facility includes art work, area rugs, indoor trees and plants, two futons, three computers, three printers, three computer desks, encyclopedia set (both in print and on CDROM), computer games, four bookcases, hardback children's books,

15 folding chairs, two file cabinets, office supplies, copier paper, postage stamps, pantry shelving, large plastic storage boxes, non-perishable food, hygiene items, cleaning products, paper products, bed linens, towels, chairs (all kinds), wood tables (all sizes), lawn furniture, outdoor plants and pots, lawn mower, leaf blower, rake and garden tools, storage shed, lawn ornaments, kitchen utensils, spices, massage table, essential oils, baby food and formula.

Loving Arms provides transportation to medical and social appointments, respite care, support groups, recreational outings and other services. With the much needed expanded space, a Sept. 1 goal of the agency is to expand their services to their clients to include tutoring services for the children, an educational resource library with computers, nutritional and cooking classes, emergency transit housing and a wellness area providing massage therapy and other holistic techniques.

Loving Arms needs our community's continued support to make these goals a reality. You can be a part by reaching out with a tax-deductible donation of items, services, products, gift certificates or cash. If you would like to participate, or if you would like Loving Arms to pick up any donated items, please give them a call at 725-6730.



1998 Drag Olympics is set at Amnesia

Alright guys and girls, its time to bring that wad of dollar bills and head for Amnesia, 2866 Poplar Ave, for a late night extravaganza.

The '98 Drag Olympics, being held for the fifth year in a row, will begin at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. Drop five of those bills at the

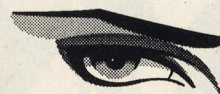
door and get the rest ready to tuck, well you know where. All of the cash goes to Friends for Life.

Among others, Jezebel, Kirby Kincaid, Jamie Layne, Tina Chandler, Luv Shack Betty, Krazi Becki, Jo Anne, Amber Starr, Chi Chi Macerana and Juanna Dick will be there to entertain you. As their special guest, Tina Chandler, Ms. Tennessee USA, from Knoxville will grace the stage. She recently performed at Ms. Gay USA in Dallas.

Do you dare to show your stuff on stage, too? All are welcome to compete: singers, dancers, lip-sync, girl and, yes, boy drag. This

is a talent show you don't want to miss; it should be nothing less than outrageous fun. Trophies and champagne will go to the first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners.

Call Scotty at 278-7004 for more info. Hope to see you there!

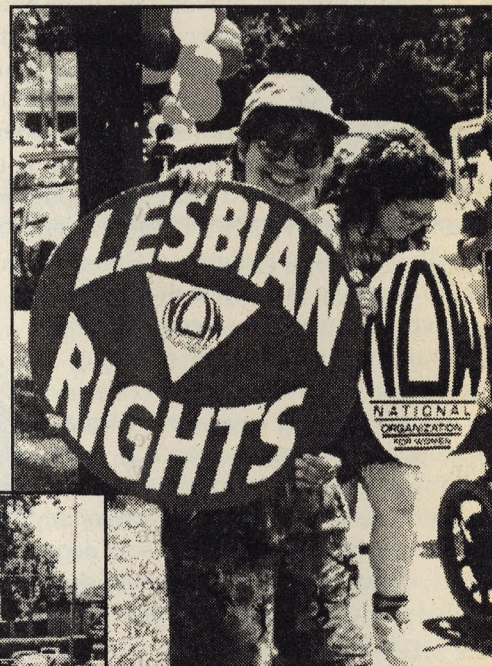


Family Album

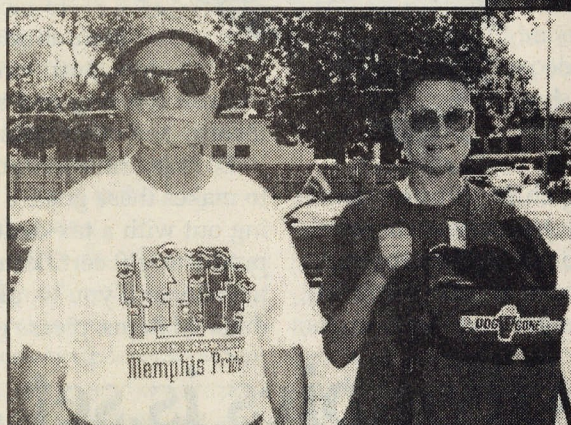


These lovely ladies enjoyed showing off during the Pride Parade on 501's float. Pictured are, from left, Anita, Vonna, Shirley, Mona, Crazy Beckii and Jackee.

Meristem's Audrey, right, campaigns for equal rights.



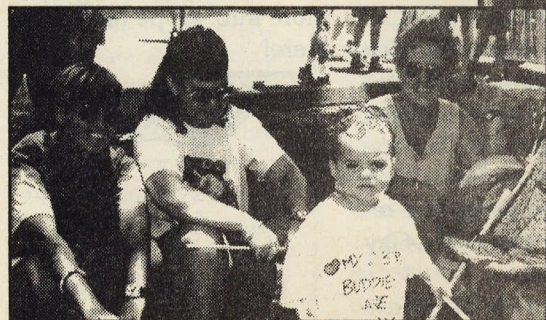
The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center was represented at the parade by Melissa, left, and Ron.



LEFT: There is no age limit on pride. Pictured here at the parade are Billy, left, and Chris with Missy in the backpack.



Hard Rock Cafe loves all and serves all. Pictured, from left, are Seven, Shannon, Dalton, Red Beth, David, Justin and James.



Youngster Desiri, along with her mom, Deena, right, showed up at the parade to support her buddies, from left, Missy and Sandy. Her shirt reads, "My 2 Best Buddies are Lesbians."

PHOTOS BY
PATRICIA
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Family and Friends supported the parade. Pictured here are from left, Jan, Danny and Marie. Danny and Marie were visiting from St. Jude.



TAKE A WALK

WITH STEVEN BRADFORD

A First-Hand Look at the Trans Community

It's been over five years since I've seen him. Carl moved back a few weeks ago and we've picked up where we left off. The best of friends.

I've known him for 10 years and until a few weeks ago, he didn't know I was a transman. He knows now thanks to another friend of mine who claims to be my best friend. I've not really confronted this friend about it.

What good would it do?

But I can say, I will never feel the same for her as I did. Remember the first time you were outted? The feeling of betrayal?

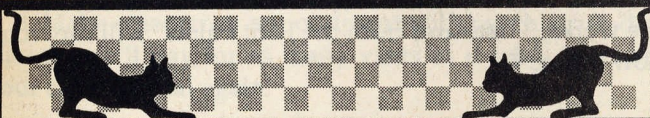
He took several days before letting me know. He was hoping I'd tell him myself. I should have but was hesitant in fear he would see me different. See the thing is, I don't want to be seen different than I am. Male. As I would assume that anyone of a different lifestyle wouldn't want to be associated or identified strictly by their sexual preference.

Carl doesn't have a problem with who I am. For the most part, things haven't changed. I know it isn't that easy for most people. It hasn't always been that easy for me either.

I guess sometimes we all have to take a chance and trust other people's love and judgment in you. So, those of you who are thinking about coming out to someone, do it gently, calmly, and have faith in them that they will care enough for you to listen. They may not understand at first but their love for you will continue if it was there in the first place. The first step is always the hardest but keep in mind, love is love no matter what form it comes in.

As for my friend who outted me. Well, I believe that we all get back what we dish out. The day will come that she'll be betrayed. She's not going to remember or maybe even care what she did to me and she's going to feel the same as I do now. It makes me feel sad that a friend could do that to anyone and still call themselves a friend.

I'd like to dedicate this column to Carl and all the other "Carl's" like him. If any of you have a friend like Carl, hand this column to them. Let them know you appreciate them, love them, and most of all you value the friendship you have together. It is a rarity and I can say personally, I'm sure glad Carl didn't "take a walk."



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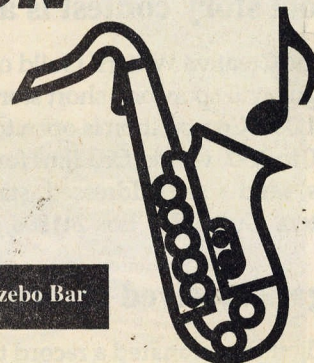
To find out about adopting a cat, call TODAY

Operating on donations of money and supplies, the House of Mews is a community service feline sanctuary run by a group of volunteers called the Puddy Tat Protectors. Part of their mission is to rescue, care for and adopt homeless cats in the area. Since it was begun, they have found homes for more than 1,900 cats.



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ABOUT TOWN



MIFA to benefit from 'Empty Bowls'

On Sunday, Aug. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, in partnership with the Memphis Association of Craft Artists, the Mid-South Woodturners Guild and the Midtown Artists Market, will present the Second Annual Empty Bowls at the MBG Lake Pavilion, 750 Cherry Road. All proceeds will benefit MIFA Food Pantries. For more information, call Linda Wilson at 767-8898.

Joan Jett & Blackhearts to perform

Joan Jett, who also is on the cover of this month's Girlfriends magazine, will perform on the Bluesville stage at Horseshoe Casino & Hotel in Tunica Friday and Saturday, Aug. 28 and 29, at 9 p.m. For tickets, call (800) 303-SHOE.

Humane society plans party

Come howl at the moon, Camelot-style with the Memphis Humane Society's 1998 Paw Prints Party on Aug. 8, and help the injured and abused animals in the city. Great food, great music, silent auction, cash bar and a martini and cigar bar by the pool. Call the office at 272-1753 for tickets, which are \$50 per person. The event will be held at Harrah's Entertainment, 1023 Cherry Road.

Mallory-Neely House gets new look

Great Expectations: Restoration in Progress, a project of restoring the Mallory-Neely House, is being presented now through Sept. 30. Guided tours begin on the hours and half-hour between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 523-1484.

Short story contest is announced

The Creative Writers' Guild of the Memphis Story Tellers' League will sponsor a short story contest with a grand prize of \$1,000. Competition is open to writers of tellable stories of 2,000 to 2,500 words. Deadline for entries is Sept. 15. For guidelines, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Creative Writers' Guild, P.O. Box 241808, Memphis, TN 38124.

Tigers received record donations

Tiger fans donated a record total of \$2.58 million in cash to the Tiger Clubs during 1997-1998, breaking the old mark of \$2.56 million raised in 1996-1997. The fund-raising division also totaled \$1.2 million in gift-in-kind.

Elvis 5K run, fun walk is slated

The United Cerebral Palsy's 16th Elvis Presley International 5K Run and Fun Walk is set for Saturday, Aug. 15, in Memphis. For more information, call 761-4277.

East Memphis BPW plan meeting

Regular meetings of East Memphis Business and Professional Women are held on the third Monday of each month at Lulu Grille. Networking begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. To make a reservation or for more information, call 680-0600.

CBU presents 'Self Images: 8 to 80'

The portrait art of 34 female artists is being displayed at Christian Brothers University Gallery now through Aug. 28. For more information, call 321-3243 or 761-1278.

Dixon presents Swiss art

The Dixon Gallery and Gardens is showing 80 works by more than 60 artists from the distinguished collection of the Petit Palais, the Museum of Modern Art, Geneva, Switzerland. Because of the artistic and educational value of the works, "Treasures from the Petit Palais" will run from now to Oct. 4.

ShoWagon to fill company posts

ShoWagon, Theatre Memphis's professional acting company, is looking for actors/actresses to fill two company positions for its 1998-1999 season. Actors/actresses of all races, backgrounds and disciplines are encouraged to apply. For more information, call Ed Tatum, managing director, at 682-5261.

Nancy Graves's prints on view

The first comprehensive examination of Nancy Graves's prints are on view at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art now through Sept. 6. For more information on "Nancy Graves - Excavations in Print," call 722-3500.

Brooks hosts prints exhibit

The Memphis Brooks Museum of Art is hosting the inventive graphic work of renowned artist Nancy Graves in "Nancy Graves: Excavations in Print" now to Sept. 6. For more information, call 722-3500.



Have You Heard the One About ...

Question: If someone tells you that they're homosexual, what should you do?

Answer: Knowing the appropriate response is crucial, although it, of course, varies according to your relationship with the homosexual in question.

For instance, if you are the mother or father of this person, your response should be as follows:

1. Open your mouth and stand there in wordless horror.
2. After 15 seconds of this, break out in uncontrollable sobs, which should last at least a half-hour. (Note: this action is only for the mother. The father should continue the wordless horror, punctuated only by occasional grunts.) Another Note: If you are the teenage brother of the declared homosexual, make a face and say "gross." Then forget about it and ask to borrow the car. If you are the younger tomboy sister, say "Cool. Can I meet your friends?"
3. Mother and father should chase siblings out of the room, then turn on each other, hurling accusations.

Sample accusations: I told you to play catch with him more often. I warned you not to dress her in that powder blue snowsuit.

4. Make emergency appointment with psychiatrist, declaring you'll pay for as many visits as it takes to make your child normal again.

5. After the first meeting with the psychiatrist, vow to never return, having been told that your child is fine, and you are the ones that need to adjust.

6. Tossing aside the P-FLAG phone number* your child gave you, promise to cut off all communication forever.

7. Call two days later, pretending it never happened.

8. After a brief waiting period (anywhere from two weeks to twenty years) dig up the P-FLAG phone number and call it. Find out that your next door neighbor is president of the local chapter.

9. Attend your first P-FLAG meeting.

10. Discover your true calling in life.

11. Phone your child and tearfully proclaim, "You are my child. I love you unconditionally, just the way you are!"

12. At Thanksgiving dinner, after three glasses of wine, start telling stories about great aunt Edna and her "friend" Sonya.

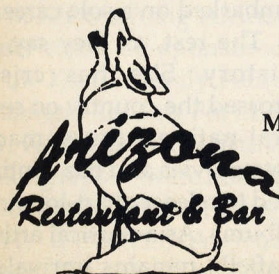
13. Begin nagging your child to find someone special and settle down.

*PFLAG's phone number for our area is 761-1444. Just in case.

Taken from Who Cares If It's A Choice: Snappy Answers to 101 Nosy, Intrusive and Highly Personal Questions about Lesbians and Gay Men by Ellen Orleans/ Laugh Lines Press.

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Huey's-Midtown

1927 Madison
726-4372

Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m. till 2 a.m.

Sun. noon till 2 a.m.

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2865 Walnut Grove
458-9955

Lunch: 11 a.m. till 2 p.m., 7 days a week

Dinner: Mon.-Thur., 5 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Dinner: Fri.-Sun., 5 p.m. till 3 a.m.

La Montagne

3550 Park Ave.
458-1060

Lunch: 11 a.m. till 2:30 p.m., 7 days a week

Dinner: Sun.-Thur., 5:30 p.m. till 10 p.m., and Fri. & Sat., 5:30 p.m. till 11 p.m.

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Queen of rock, soul Patti LaBelle to give concert

The queen of rock and soul, Patti LaBelle, will play Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall's River Palace Arena on Sunday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$36.50 and \$31.50.

Few people have earned the right to be called a "living legend," and LaBelle is one of them. For more than three decades, "the high priestess of good vibrations," as she has been called, has



Patti LaBelle

been at the trend-setting forefront of the music world, enjoying phenomenal success as a member of the legend-

ary girl group, Patti LaBelle & the Bluebelles in the '60s, and as a Grammy award-winning solo artist in the '80s and '90s.

Born May 24, 1944 (she has always been frank about her age), in Philadelphia, LaBelle was raised in the melting pot of Southwest Philly. After a 15-year career on the road, LaBelle took a brief hiatus. In the late '70s, with the guidance of her

husband L. Armstead Edwards as manager and James "Budd" Ellison as producer/musical director, she embarked on a solo career.

The rest, as they say, is history. She has crisscrossed the country on several national tours, made two movies and has continued to release chart-topping albums. As a musical artist, LaBelle remains unrivaled and unstoppable.

*AIDS and HIV***Black America's biggest threat today**

By Sharon Dobbins
Tri-State Defender writer

HIV and AIDS, once perceived as a "gay problem," has done a dramatic turn-about. African Americans now hold the leading position, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, which says that African Americans accounted for nearly one out of two AIDS-related deaths in 1996; and that in 2000, will make up half of all AIDS cases in America.

Aids has overtaken homicide to become the No. 1 killer of African Americans ages 25 to 44 and it is estimated that 500,000 African Americans are infected with the HIV virus. One in five deaths among Black women, ages 25 to 44, and one in three deaths among Black men that same age group is from AIDS. Estimates also show that 125,000 children, most of them poor and Black, will be orphaned by 2,000, due to AIDS.

In March of this year, the W.E.B. Dubois Institute for Afro-American Research at Harvard University presented a briefing on the crisis of AIDS among African Americans. Co-sponsored by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Leading For Life-Harvard AIDS Institute, chilling reports were issued. From the time of the first reports on AIDS, African Americans have been disproportionately affected. In 1987, 23 percent of the ini-

tial cases were among African Americans, who represented 12 percent of the population. African-Americans now represent 35 percent of all reported cases, and 43 percent of new cases, even though African-Americans still comprise 12 percent of the U.S. population.

Black men represent 37 percent of new cases among men, and Black women represent 60 percent of new cases among women. The annual AIDS case rate among Black men is six times that of White men (183.3 percent compared to 32.5 percent per 100,000 population). The annual AIDS case rate among Black women is 16 times that of White women (61.9 percent compared to 3 percent per 100,000 population). African-American teenagers and young adults (ages 13-24) account for one third (35 percent) of reported AIDS cases. Almost two thirds (64 percent) of new pediatric (infant) AIDS cases are among African-Americans.

According to the Memphis-Shelby County AIDS Surveillance Report of the Health Department, cumulative data through March 31 of this year, 2,181 cases of AIDS were diagnosed. The statistics are: White males, 568 (18 percent), White females, 67 (2 percent), Black males, 1,753 (56 percent), Black females, 725 (23 percent), other males, 22 (5 percent), other females, 6 (1 percent). Age group statistics are: under 13, 58 cases; 13 to

19, 169 cases; 20 to 29, 1,098 cases; 30 to 39, 1,193 cases; 40 to 49, 458 cases; 50 to 59, 110 cases; and 60 and over, 57 cases.

There is one Memphis organization which has been involved in AIDS education and prevention since 1985. Friends for Life (FFL) Executive Director, Thomas E. Roden says, "Friends For Life is presently targeting five at risk groups in Memphis and Shelby County. These groups are the incarcerated, women of child-bearing ages, youth, African Americans, and gay men." Continuing, Roden says, "It is so sad when you consider that it took 15 years and over a half million deaths to get the message out about HIV and AIDS."

Friends For Life Resource AIDS Center, 1450 Poplar Ave. was started in 1985 as a volunteer effort. Roden explains that in 1984, six gay men living in Midtown were diagnosed with the mysterious illness that was sweeping the East Coast. At the time there was no place in Memphis to turn for help. There were no AIDS programs, period. Further, as word began to spread of the plight of these men, people in general didn't want to hear about it or do anything about it. They ignored it as one response to what was happening. Some concerned and caring persons initiated the Aid To End AIDS committee. Out of this effort developed Friends For Life, a much needed facility. As of

February 1998 there has been 5700 known cases of HIV and AIDS in Memphis and Shelby County and 1,000 more in Aransas and Mississippi.

FFL, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with no political affiliations, provides client services to people living with AIDS (PLWA), and disseminates educational information via workshops, counseling, and conferences. FFL has 16 staff persons, case managers, social workers, and educators.

The message of FFL is simple according to Roden: "Abstinence for youth, monogamous, zero-compatible relations, and if you're not going to do the first two, then practice safe-sex. Sad to say," Roden reveals, "is that 30 percent of our clients who are infected are women, and 75 percent of all of our clients are African American."

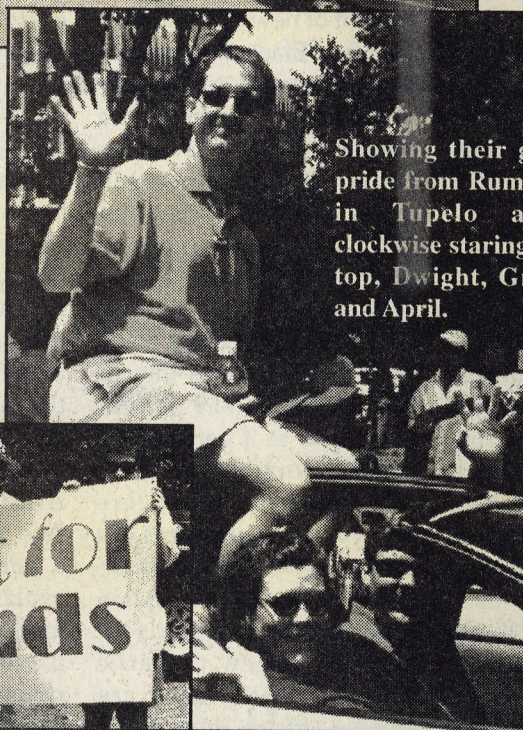
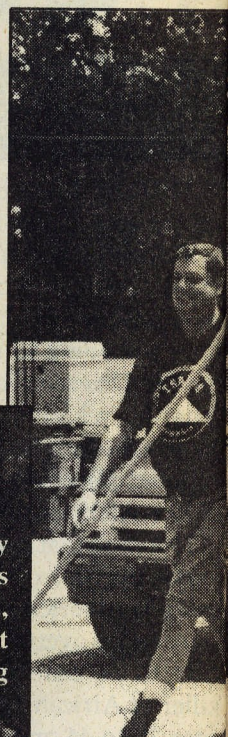
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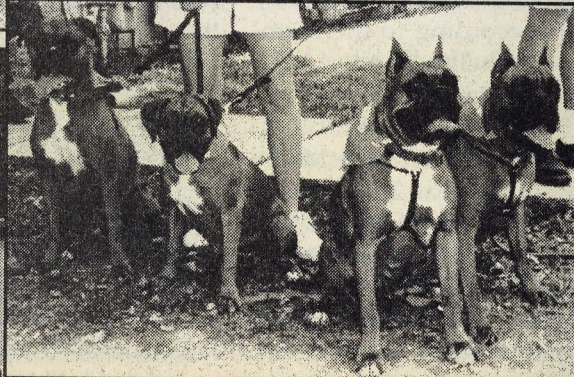
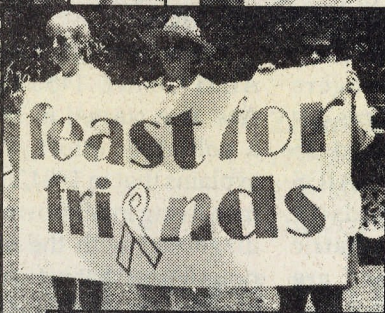
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Family Album



Showing their gay pride from Rumors in Tupelo are, clockwise staring at top, Dwight, Greg and April.



Even the pooches showed their pride. Pictured are, from left, Lark, Violet, Abby and Tyrus.



Anita Cocktai

Pride Marches On



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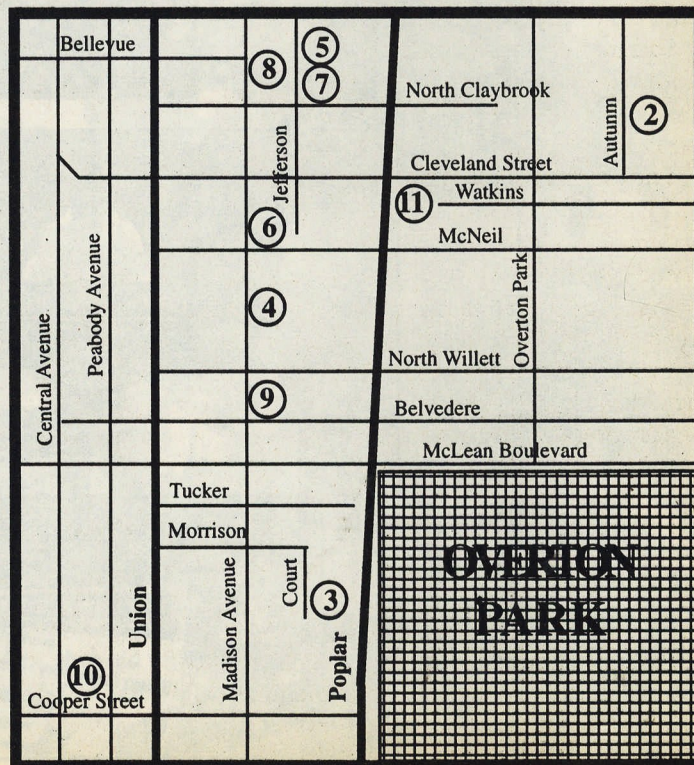
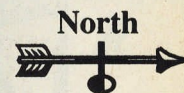
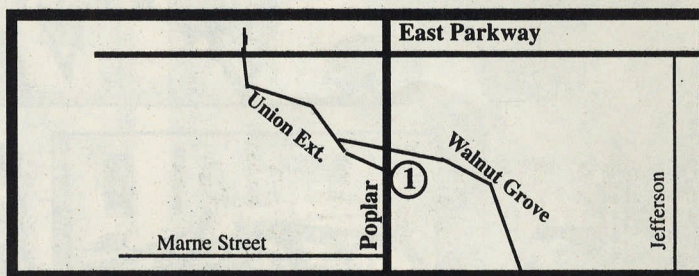
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Emerald Theatre**Harvey Fierstein's *Safe Sex* to be staged**

Emerald Theatre Company (ETC) is beginning its third season of residency at Theatreworks. Opening the third season is Harvey Fierstein's *Safe Sex*, a satirical and jarring look at the world during the height of the AIDS crisis. The three one-acts that make up *Safe Sex* are "Manny and Jake," which brings two men together to discuss the effects of the crisis on their lives. One longs for the emotional security of sex and the other takes the disease as matter of fact, but also tends to

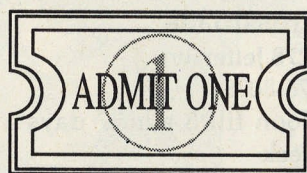
lessen the severity when wanting just sex.

"Safe Sex" is the second act of the evening, which presents an estranged couple who has decided to give it another go. Their balancing act of safety measures and passion to make the other see the others point of view display dark comedy and haunting realizations.

The third piece, "On Tidy Endings," invites the audience into the lives of Marion and Arthur, the ex-wife and ex-lover of a recently deceased man. The two char-

acters confront each other with anger and resentment over what is rightfully theirs, be it material or emotional, only to find peace of mind and closure when accepting each other's loss.

Den-Nickolas Smith is



the founder of Emerald Theatre Company. Hal Harmon is co-artistic director. The

two have performed and worked together since the inception of ETC.

Future shows include the autobiographical drama *Black and White are Neutrals*, written by Harmon; *Survival*, a new comedy written by Smith, and *Love, Valor, Passion*, written by Terrance McNally.

Emerald Theatre is located at Theatreworks 2085 Monroe Ave. (behind Overton Square). *Safe Sex* can be seen Sept. 18-20, 25-27 at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$8 and \$5 for students with a valid ID.

Cotton Pickin' Squares**Ice cream social, dancing is planned**

Everybody get ready to doe-se-doe when the Cotton Pickin' Squares, the area's gay and lesbian square dancing club, holds its Annual Ice Cream Social and Introduction to Square Dancing Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Prescott Church fellowship hall, located at the corner of Mynders and Patterson, near The University of Memphis.

The Cotton Pickin' Squares was begun in the fall of 1991, and is a member of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs, a gay and lesbian organization comprised of about 60 clubs in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Japan.

The Memphis chapter is primarily a social organization that also participates in many civic activities. Those community activities have included sponsoring a dinner and performing at a Feast for Friends dinner, performing on the gay pride boat ride for several years, participating in several fund-raising events, sponsoring a party and raising funds for Place at the Table for Aloysius Home and made a panel in memory of an Aloysius Home client as part of the AIDS quilt.

The ice cream social, planned for Aug. 27, will include an introduction to square dancing for all those interested. The Memphis club has about 25 members and is split 50/50 between the number of men and women participating.



The Cotton Pickin' Squares offers classes in square dancing for beginners, couples and singles, so partners are not required because "no one dances with a partner ... everyone dances with all."

The style of dance the squares perform is non-traditional from modern American square dancing in that folks can dance lead or follow positions based on choice, not gender. And, don't worry about having to wear any special outfits because the Cotton Pickin' Squares dress casual, meaning no traditional wear is worn.

Classes meet weekly starting with the first Thursday in September. The entire course lasts a total of eight months divided into two sessions. The first session is held Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 and second from Jan. 1 to April 30. Cost is \$45 per session.

Members of the club, who have completed the dance course, dance each week and pay dues of \$15 a month.

For more information on the Cotton Pickin' Squares, the ice cream social and introduction to square dance or the lessons, call Ron Thomas at 3871567.

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Patty Loveless brings unqiue sound to Mid-South

Patty Loveless has been about facing real life and loss. With a throbbing ache in her voice that promoted Time to proclaim, "Loveless sings the truth and serves it up raw." From reigning as Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year and back to back Academy of Country Music's top female vocalist has testified and confided the pain and power of living and loving without flinching.

Loveless will perform at Bluesville, located inside Horseshoe Casino & Hotel in Tunica on Thursday, Aug. 27, for one show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the Bluesville Box Office, at any Ticketmaster location, or charged by phone at (901) 525-1515.

One need go no further than the hard country throb of "You Don't Seem to Miss Me," to hear the roots of Loveless' childhood. As the melody swells and bends, she roundly leans into a song about fighting for a fading love — only to have George Jones, country's most revered vocalist, join her on the chorus.

Loveless' unflinching taste has allowed her to embrace such traditional moments as her breakthrough hit of "If My Heart Had Windows" and "A Thousand Times a Day" as easily as she has more progressive country like the Grammy-nominated ballads. "How Can I Help You Say Goodbye?" and "You

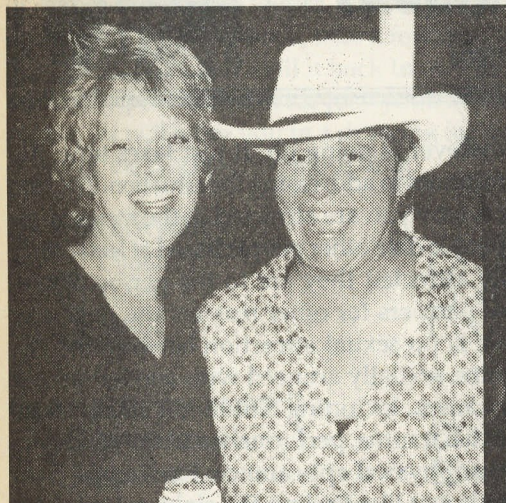


Patty Loveless

Don't Even Know Who I Am." And it is that love of true country that makes *Long Stretch of Lonesome* so compelling.

Certainly Loveless' ability to get inside a song and writing out the emotional subtleties has made her a critic's favorite and award winner. Time picked *The Trouble With the Truth* as their No. 4 album of 1996 in any genre, and People named it one of their Top 10 Albums. *When Fallen Angels Fly* was 1995's CMA Album of the Year — only the second album by a woman to win the prestigious honor — in addition to being Stereo Review's 1995 Album of the Year. *With Long Stretch of Lonesome*, Loveless has achieved a new confidence that's allowed for even more revealing performances. It is in those nuances that her true grit shines.

Family Album ... Cruising the River



Having a good time on the annual riverboat cruise are Donna, left, and Jo.

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LEFT: Sharing wedded bliss on the midnight cruise are Toi, left, and Tammy.



These beauties were caught on camera "cruising" on the Memphis Queen. Pictured are Camille, left, and Alison.

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Question: I have been with my girlfriend for about three years now, and my problem is she won't get a job. I didn't mind supporting her while she was in school, but she graduated over eight months ago and she is still sitting around the house doing, well basically nothing. I love her very much, but financially it's breaking me. My credit cards are maxed out, and I am beginning to think that she is just using me. What can I do? I don't want to lose her, but I am not sure if I can continue living this way?

Answer: Can we say CO-DEPENDENT? I hate to say this, but exactly what are you getting out of this relationship? I mean eight months and still no job? I know the job market is tough, but surely there is something she can do. My question is, have you talked to her about how you are feeling? I mean if you haven't made it clear to her, why should she get a job? Many of us would love to stay home and be taken care of, myself not included, but if you have allowed it to continue for this long, you have to take some of the blame. My advice is simply tell her how you are feeling. Let her know in no uncertain terms that you are not willing to keep supporting her. If your relationship is going to be salvaged you have to communicate your feelings to her. If she still refuses to become a member of the working world, you have a big decision to make. You can keep supporting her, or kick this girl to the curb. You need a partner, not a leech.

Question: I am a 32-year-old gay man who has yet to have a mutually satisfying sexual experience with another man. My problem is always the same: I met someone attractive, and when things turn physical my body completely freezes up. All sexual arousal disappears, and I feel numb, almost as though my partner isn't touching me at all. I did come out later in life, and I haven't had that many sexual experiences, but I have no doubt that I am attracted to men. And to make things worse, my partners always think they are failing to excite me. This has ended every relationship I have started. Should I just quit trying?

Answer: No, you shouldn't quit trying. Ever heard of the old saying, "Practice makes perfect?" Even though you have never met anyone with this problem, you are not alone. There are many people who, for various reasons, find it difficult or even impossible to become sexually aroused. Sometimes those causes are physical, and often times, emotional. But whatever the cause there is almost always a way

to overcome whatever is going on. It just takes time, patience and commitment to addressing the situation. The first thing to look at is why you are attracted to the men you go out with. Most people date other people based at least partly on how sexually attracted they are to the person. Sometimes we choose partners for other reasons and only later realize that there is no sexual attraction between us. The inability to become sexually aroused with another person can have many causes, including childhood sexual abuse or some other sexual trauma, performance anxiety and even doubts about your physical appearance. Finding the right person to talk to is just like finding the right pair of shoes or anything other useful thing – you have to find the one that works for you. In your case, it is especially important that you find a therapist who has experience dealing with sexual issues. Such a person will know what kinds of questions to ask you in order to find out what is causing your problem and will be able to guide you to the appropriate means of getting to where you want to be. You can get through it, it will just take time. It might be painful and difficult for you for a time as you work to find out what's keeping you from being sexual with your partners, but in the end (no pun intended) you will have accomplished something wonderful for yourself. Keep your head up!

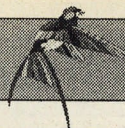
Questions are answered by two people, a gay male and a lesbian, in an attempt to get the best and most fair answers possible. Each person has a bachelor's degree in the counseling field and are pursuing their master's degrees in counseling. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the magazine. For serious problems, seek professional help. Send questions to Family & Friends, P.O. Box 771948, Memphis, TN 38177-1948, or e-mail them to FamilyMag@aol.com.

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Do you consider yourself ...

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Do you drink alcoholic beverages?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beer of choice: _____

Do you smoke?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cigarette brand of choice: _____

Do you frequent the bars?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many times a week? _____

What bars do you go to? _____

What is your profession? _____

Are you ... (check all that apply)

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☐ Single
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☐ Other: _____

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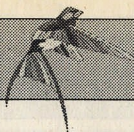
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Memphis Zoo offers 'family' memberships

Guess what! Memphis Zoo was at the '98 Pride Festival showing their community support. The landmark Memphis Zoo now offers family memberships to same-sex couples.

The Family Membership is valid for two adults in the same household and their children under the age of 18. The membership is \$49 for one full year.

Membership benefits include free admission, free parking, free admission to reciprocal zoos, 15 percent discount on all purchases in the zoo shops, subscription to Memphis Zoo members' publications, discounts on tickets to most Memphis Zoo special events and invitations to members-only events and previews.

The Family Plus Membership, available for \$69 per year, allows one guest per visit in addition to all of

the regular Family Membership benefits.

So, walk among the animals with your partner and the kids and have a good time. The gorillas, the penguins, the tigers, and the peacocks will be happy to see you.

The Memphis Zoo is open all year except for Thanksgiving day, Christmas Eve and Christmas day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. From now till Aug. 30, the zoo will be open until 9 p.m.

The Memphis Zoo is chocked full of things to do and things to see in August.

Make good use of the summer days and head for Zoo Nights when it's cool. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from now till Aug. 30, Zoo Nights is happening. On Zoo Nights, the gates stay open till 9 p.m. Besides Cat Country, Creatures of the Night, penguins, Primate

Canyon, Komodo dragons, Butterflies: In Living Color (open till sunset) and other great exhibits, the Memphis Zoo will provide you with entertainment as well.



Scheduled performers at the Amphitheatre include Aug. 7, Randal Morton (banjo); Aug. 8, Anna Johnson (Celtic); Aug. 9, I-Mento (world); Aug. 14, Gregg Hansen (acoustic); Aug. 16, V.A. Swing Band (swing); Aug. 21, Gerry Finney (acoustic); Aug. 22, Free World (soul/jazz/rock); Aug. 23, Justus (contemporary jazz); Aug. 28, 7 Sons of Otis (R&B); Aug. 29,

Miller & Crow (acoustic), and Aug. 30, Scott Allen (acoustic).

Additional entertainment on Zoo Nights is provided by Jimmy Crosthwait's "Night Creatures" puppet show every Saturday at 7:15 p.m. in the amphitheatre; Sea Lion Show at 7:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and "Living With Wildlife" show every Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Adult admission is \$7, children 2-11 years old is \$4.50, children under two years of age are admitted free. Mondays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the zoo is open free to the public.

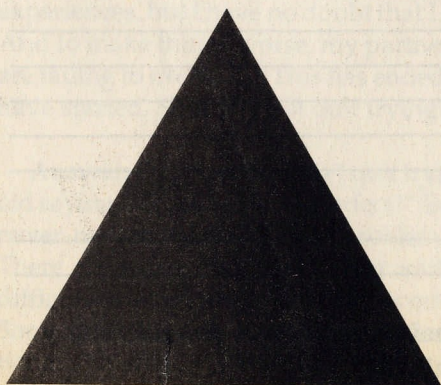
Thanks to the Memphis Zoo, a "friend" of the community that's not afraid to show their support.

For membership information, call (901) 276-WILD ext. 3322.

Signs and Symbols

Pink, black triangles originated in WWII Germany

The familiar gay symbol, the pink triangle, has a dark past. It was used by the Nazis during the 1930s to mark gay men (not women) in the same way as the Jewish citizen was forced to wear a yellow Star of David for identification purposes.



However, the pink triangle was only used within the concentration camps. The concentration camp prisoners were identified by a series of colored triangles in order to classify them according to their crime. The pink

triangle identified those men convicted of a sex crime, which included homosexuality.

The black triangle was reserved for those labeled "asocial." This is the category the lesbians fell into. They were grouped with prostitutes, women who refused to bear children, and others with what they then considered to be anti-social traits. Strangely, the laws within the concentration camps did not actually outlaw female homosexuality. The law did, however, specifically outlaw male homosexuality.

Beginning in the 1980s, gay activists reclaimed the pink triangle as one of empowerment. The black triangle was reclaimed by lesbians and feminists as a symbol of pride.

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Did you know that children who don't read during the summer months lose ground by the fall?

This "summer reading drop-off" has a predictable, corrosive impact on student achievement. Summer reading activity can help students maintain their school year gains, catch up to grade level, or even get ahead! That's why a grassroots movement is sweeping America to get children reading daily, especially during the summer.

Reading daily with a child is one of the most important contributions you can make to his or her academic growth. Once school starts, remember that reading daily is still important to your child's school success. Here are some fun ideas to help a child to read:

- Visit the library. Allow your child to choose books that interest him or her, perhaps with fun summer themes such as baseball, traveling, wildlife and hobbies. Schedule family activities that explore these themes, such as nature walks or sporting events.

- Don't take a vacation from reading! Books on tape are available for free at your public library. Bring some along to play in the car while traveling. Encourage your child to read books on your vacation.

- Write to a pen pal. Encourage your child to write to a far-away friend or relative over the summer, helping as needed to address and mail it. Share the excitement of re-

ceiving and reading letters written back to your child.

- Demonstrate the uses of reading. Help your child to read and follow a fun food recipe, such as cookies or pancakes. Read directions and use a map on a trip. Write a grocery list and read it together as you shop.

- Limit television. Kids who watch too much TV often don't read enough, so limit viewing. Encourage reading of the TV listings in the paper or *TV Guide*. Watch programs together and discuss what you've seen. Rent videos based on books.

- Be creative. Have your child write and illustrate a book about herself or himself. Begin telling a story and have your child provide the ending. Write down family stories and traditions and read them together. Gather your child's friends to read a favorite book, then play games based on the story.

Your example has a very significant influence on your child. Let him or her see you reading, and they will have a more positive attitude toward reading. If you know a child whose parents cannot help him to read this summer, offer to assist.

Taken from *The ABCs of Summer: Adults, Books & Children* by Carol Rasco, director of the America Reads Challenge to ensure that all children are good readers by the end of third grade. See their webpage at www.ed.gov/units/americanreads.

Friends for Life auction raises needed funds

It was a relaxing Sunday afternoon when some 300 family and friends of Friends for Life gathered at the Memphis Botanic Garden to show their support.

The event was the Friends for Life auction. The silent and live auctions raised approximately \$17,000 for the organization.

Auction items that raised top dollars for the agency included a dinner for four at the home of Loretta Scott, \$2,400; a weekend package for two to Palm Springs with hotel accommodations provided by Friends for Life board member Frank Co-

per and travel furnished by Terry Beatty of Regency Travel, and an executive weekend package for two at The Peabody.

In addition, Friends for Life recently held its Feast For Friends anniversary dinner. The annual event netted about \$5,300 in pledges, still about \$3,000 shy of the \$8,300 needed to run the program in 1997-1998.

Friends for Life is still accepting donations for the 1998-1999 Feast for Friends year with dinner co-sponsorships starting at just \$100. To make a donation, call Butch Valentine at 272-0855.

All Feast for Friends dinners are held the first and third Mondays of each month at St. John's United

Methodist Church, located at the corner of Peabody & Bellevue, at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

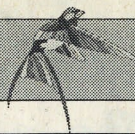
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Leo (July 24-Aug. 23) — Happy birthday Leo! Sun enters your sign. The year should bring favorable opportunities to move ahead. Creativity opens new doors.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sep. 23) — Hopes and wishes sector plays host to the New Moon. A slight adjustment could help turn things toward a better, more rewarding direction.

Libra (Sep. 24-Oct. 23) — New career opportunities may develop due to transit of the New Moon. Sun moves into sector of hopes. You might just get the things you've been hoping for.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Attention should be directed to people in far away places. Connections with those in a position to say "yes" should be easier. A temporary job may become permanent.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Use wisdom and caution in signing longterm agreements and contracts. A visit from a friend or news by e-mail may further long-range goals. Learning something new can bring more financial gains.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Venus, planet of social good times and romance, moves into your relationship sector. The "love force" is with you if you go where people gather. Past efforts in creative enterprises may soon pay off with additional income.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Decisions made at the

workplace should work in your behalf, courtesy of the New Moon. Caution! A new relationship you start now may be difficult to break.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Personal ambitions may be furthered as New Moon moves through sector of creativity and romance. Positive overtones in your romantic life should give you great pleasure.

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Moon's new phase enhances opportunities for successful endeavors in starting a home business.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — A homebased money maker is worth looking into. Whether you are entertaining, romancing or creating, Venus, planet of harmony, should be supportive.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — New opportunities may be offered as New Moon moves through your income sector. Combine creative and intellectual powers to form a sure-fire success combination. The promise of success comes from seeds planted many Moons ago.

Cancer (June 22-July 23) — New Moon moves through your sign. The time is now for all those who want to make improvements. Family gettogethers make this a very special time. Also opportunities may arise to help you further your creative and romantic inclinations.

Editor's Note: Horoscopes are meant for entertainment purposes only and are for the month of August.

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ONE
MY WINDOW
SLEEP (WHILE I
DRIVE)
BACKYARD
SKIN DEEP
WANNA COME OVER
YES I AM
SECRET
ROMEO
LEGACY

JACKPOT (TELE-
PHONE)
BRAVE
CRAZY FOR ME
KISS
(SHRINER'S) PARK
RAIN
TRAIN
DRIVE
HELLO
BOY

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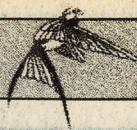
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